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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition that the time for responding to the Examiner's Office Action dated February 15, 2006 be extended for a period of 3 months, resetting the due date to August 15, 2006. Authorization is hereby given to charge the extension fee of \$1,020, and any other fee that may be due with regard to this submission, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 02-1197.

Respectfully submitted,

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